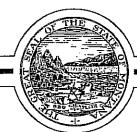
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Montana Board of Land Commissioners
Department of Natural Resources & Conservation
Trust Land Management Division
P.O. Box 201601
Helena, MT 59604

Subject: Purchase of 2.65 acre parcel of land know as the Artisan Park Property

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is to request preliminary approval to purchase a 2.65 acre parcel of land located immediately adjacent to and east of the Fort Harrision's main entry gate.

The purpose of the purchase is to relocate the entry gate to alleviate the traffic hazard at the corner of Williams Street and Country Club Ave, and to create an entry that more effectively meets the anti-terrorism standards required by the National Guard.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ralph A. DeCunzo Deputy CFMO

### Land Board Agenda Item May 21, 2007

## Approval to Purchase Artisan Property by the Department of Military Affairs

#### Proposal:

Montana Department of Military Affairs (DMA) proposes to purchase a 2.65 acre parcel of land (non-trust) adjacent to Fort Harrison to be used for the relocation of the entry gate.

#### **History:**

Fort Harrison has redesigned the main entry gate to accommodate current terrorism standards and to alleviate the traffic hazards that exist at Country Club Ave. and Williams Street. The purchase of the Artisan Park property along with the purchase of the MacDonald Park property will allow DMA to accommodate this redesign.

**Legal Description:** A Tract of Land Located in the SE¼ of Section 15, the NE¼ of Section 22 and the NW ¼ of Section 23, Township 10 North, Range 4 West, P.M.M., City of Helena, Lewis and Clark County, Montana

Appraised Value: \$95,400.

Purchase Price: \$200,000

**Environmental Site Assessment**: A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment was completed. There were no issues of concern located on or adjacent to the site.

#### Process:

The DMA has completed an Environmental Baseline Report and has provided a 14 day public notification period. No public comment was received. Lewis and Clark County has approved a preliminary plat for the subdivision of this parcel from a larger parcel. The parcel is currently being surveyed and final plat approval should be received within sixty days.

#### **Agency Recommendation:**

DMA requests approval to acquire the Artisan property.

